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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EC, US

SUBJ: ASSISTANCE FOR ECUADOREAN NAVY: PROPOSED APPROACH TO
QUEVEDO

REF: A. STATE 70166; B. CNO 061548Z APR 74 (NOTAL); C. QUITO 2349;
D. QUITO 2422; E. GUTHRIE/BREWSTER TELECON 4/10/74

1. ONCE THAT SCENARIO FOR PRESENTATION OF CNO LETTER TO
VASQUEZ AS OUTLINED REFS C AND D IS CARRIED OUT, WE SUGGEST
THAT VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
AN APPROACH TO QUEVEDO IN WASHINGTON TO REINFORCE IMPACT
OF THE OFFER WE ARE MAKING AND DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIVENESS
TO HOPES EXPRESSED BY QUEVEDO AS REPORTED PARA ONE, REF A.

2. WE BELIEVE A PITCH TO QUEVEDO COULD BE ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES:

3. BY LETTER DELIVERED PERSONALLY APRIL 17 TO ADMIRAL
VASQUEZ BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER, ACCOMPANIED BY ADMIRAL
BLOUNT, USG IN PERSON OF ADMIRAL ZUMWALT HAS MADE A VERY
FORTHCOMING RESPONSE TO THE ECUADOREAN NAVY'S EQUIPMENT
REQUESTS. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WE ARE OFFERING AN
INACTIVE DESTROYER WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR
REACTIVATION AND OVERHAUL TO GOE SPECIFICATIONS. NEXT,
WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE AN ACTIVE DESTROYER FROM
OUR FLEET IN OUR FY 76, WHICH MEANS IT COULD POSSIBLY
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BECOME AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS JULY 1975. FINALLY WE ARE

WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TWO PCF'S AND A HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY BOAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. WE BELIEVE, GIVEN THE FACT THAT FMS SANCTIONS WERE LIFTED ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO AND THAT NORMALLY TRANSACTIONS OF THIS KIND REQUIRE MONTHS OF ADVANCE PLANNING, THAT WE ARE BEING MORE THAN ADEQUATELY RESPONSIVE TO GOE DESIRES. THIS IS CERTAINLY "MAJOR EVIDENCE" OF US WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST ECUADOREAN NAVY THIS YEAR AS QUEVEDO HAD HOPED IN CONVERSATION WITH KUBISCH AND WE ALSO CONSIDER THIS AN EARNEST OF OF OUR INTENTION TO BETTER RELATIONS WITH GOE IN GENERAL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AFTER WE HAVE GONE FORWARD WITH DELIVERY OF CNO LETTER TO ADMIRAL VASQUEZ, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER PARALLEL APPROACH ALONG ABOVE LINES IS MADE TO QUEVEDO.
BREWSTER

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